

REMARKS

This application is amended in a manner to place the claims directed to the elected subject matter in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

Claim 10 is amended. Support for the amendment may be found generally throughout the specification, and, in particular, at page 1, lines 1-11 and the paragraph bridging pages 1 and 2.

Claims 1-37 remain pending in the application.

Claims 14, 19, and 32-37 are withdrawn as being directed to non-elected subject matter.

Claims 10-13, 15-18 and 20-31 are rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph for being indefinite.

The position of the Official Action is that "slimming agent" is not defined in the claims or the specification, and that there are no steps set forth in the method.

However, the term "slimming" is described in the specification at page 1, lines 1-11 and the paragraph bridging pages 1 and 2.

Claim 10 is amended to describe the slimming agent in a manner consistent with the specification, and to recite an addition step.

Therefore, claim 10 is definite, and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 10-13, 15-18 and 20-31 are rejected under 35 USC §101 for not setting forth any steps in the recited method.

Amended claim 10 recites an addition step.

Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

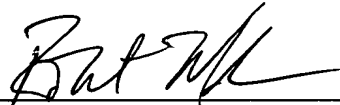
The Official Action did not impose any art rejections.

In view of the amendment to the claims and the foregoing remarks, the claims directed to the elected subject matter are in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action. Allowance and passage to issue on that basis is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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